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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT VII SPECIAL SESSION

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1. AMBASSADOR SENT SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO, SINCE LATTER NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, BUT LATER LEARNED FROM BLANCO THAT HE HAD READ SPEECH WITH GREAT INTEREST. EMBOFF DELIVERED ANOTHER COPY TO AMBASSADOR GUSTAVO MARGARINOS, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ECON/COMM AFFAIRS, FONOFF, AND DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM PER REFTEL (A).

2. AMBASSADOR MAGARINOS PROMISED TO GIVE SPEECH CAREFUL STUDY AND WELCOMED THE MANY NEW INITIATIVES PROPOSED. AS A FIRST REACTION, MAGARINOS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: HE ENDORSED THE STRATEGY OF OFFERING MANY SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND NOTED THAT THIS ACCORDED WITH URUGUAY'S VIEWS (REFTEL B). IN FACT, THE PROPOSALS LIST WAS SO LONG AND COVERED SO MANY AREAS THAT MAGARINOS FELT AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE ASSURED EMBOFF URUGUAY

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WAS FULLY PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN THIS.

3. TURNIN SPECIFICALLY TO URUGUAYAN VIEWS, MAGARINOS WAS CONCERNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE GOING FORWARD IN UN AND OTHER WORLD FORUMS. HE FELT THAT SMALL COUNTRIES SUCH AS URUGUAY WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH IMPACT IN SUCH GATHERINGS AND THUS WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH MANY ISSUES IN REGIONAL GROUPS OR BILATERALLY.

4. MAGARINOS REPEATED ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW HE HAD MADE PREVIOUSLY, NAMELY THAT THE FOCUS ON THE POOREST OF THE POOR WOULD LEAD TO OVERLOOKING THE PROBLEMS OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS URUGUAY. HE APPRECIATES THE WORLD COMMUNITY'S OBLIGATIONS TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEM OF THE POOREST, BUT BELIEVES ATTENTION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS URUGUAY WHO ARE BEING IMPOVERISHED BY THE WORLD RECESSION AND HIGH IMPORT COSTS. TURNING TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS, MAGARINOS NOTED WITH SOME HEAT URUGUAY'S CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN SELLING MEAT AND THE SCANT SUCCESS THEY AND OTHER FRYAT EXPORTERS HAVE HAD IN ORGANIZING A DIALOGUE WITH CONSUMERS. THE UNILATERAL DC RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT IMPORTS, IN WHICH HE INCLUDED US SANITARY REGULATIONS, ARE THE NUMBER ONE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEM FOR URUGUAY. HE WONDERED IF US COMMODITY POLICY INITIATIVE WOULD EXTEND THIS FAR.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER IF ADDITIONAL REACTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING.

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